

Appl. No. 10/718,973
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Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A composition for a biodegradable, breathable film comprising:
a biodegradable polyester;
a biodegradable copolyester; and
at least one filler;
wherein the weight ratio of polyester to copolyester ranges from about 1:9 to about 9:1.
2. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the polyester is polylactic acid.
3. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the copolyester is a copolyester of aliphatic/aromatic acids.
4. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the filler is calcium carbonate.
5. (original) The composition of claim 2, wherein the polylactic acid is selected from the group consisting of D-polylactic acid, L-polylactic acid, D,L-polylactic acid, meso-polylactic acid, and combinations of D-polylactic acid, L-polylactic acid, D,L-polylactic acid and meso-polylactic acid.
6. (original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising a compatibilizer.
7. (original) The composition of claim 1, comprising from about 30 weight percent to about 70 weight percent polyester and copolyester, and from about 70 weight percent to about 30 weight percent filler.
8. (original) The composition of claim 7, comprising from about 40 weight percent to about 55 weight percent polyester and copolyester, and from about 60 weight percent to about 45 weight percent filler.
9. (canceled)

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10. (currently amended) A biodegradable and breathable film comprising a biodegradable polyester, a biodegradable copolyester and a filler, wherein the weight ratio of polyester to copolyester ranges from about 1:9 to about 9:1.
11. (original) The film of claim 10, wherein the polyester is polylactic acid, the copolyester is a copolyester of aliphatic/aromatic acids, and the filler is calcium carbonate.
12. (original) The film of claim 10, which has a breathability value of greater than 3,000 grams per square meter per 24 hours.
13. (original) The film of claim 12, which has a breathability value of greater than 5,000 grams per square meter per 24 hours.
14. (original) The film of claim 10, which is formed by melt blending said polyester, copolyester and filler and cast-forming said film.
15. (currently amended) The film of claim 10, which is formed by melt blending said polyester, copolyester and filler and blow-forming said film.
16. (original) The film of claim 10, which is stretched in at least a monoaxial direction.
17. (original) The film of claim 10, which is biaxially stretched.
18. (original) The film of claim 10 further comprising at least one additional layer bonded thereto.
19. (original) A disposable article of manufacture comprising a film according to claim 10.
20. (original) The disposable article of Claim 19, which is selected from the group consisting of medical products, protective garments and personal care absorbent articles.